## THE COMPTHOLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

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FILE:

B-212677

**DATE:** August 26, 1983

MATTER OF:

Genigraphics Corporation

DIGEST:

Procurement conducted by the Treasury
Department pursuant to cooperative agreement
between the United States and the Kingdom of
Saudi Arabia does not involve funds subject to
GAO account settlement authority and protest of
such procurement therefore is dismissed.

Genigraphics Corporation (Genigraphics) protests the award of a contract pursuant to request for proposals (RFP) No. SAG-83-2 issued by the Department of the Treasury, Office of Procurement, Saudi Arabian Procurement Support Staff (Treasury), for a computer graphics system to be delivered to and installed at the Saudi Arabian National Center for Financial and Economic Information in Saudi Arabia.

Under § 21.1(a) of our Bid Protest Procedures, 4 C.F.R. part 21 (1983), we consider protests against contract awards in circumstances where the "accounts are subject to settlement" by this Office. <u>Mandex Incorporated</u>, B-204415, October 13, 1981, 81-2 CPD 303.

We have been informally advised that the protested procurement is in support of the United States-Saudi Arabian Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation. The work is to be paid for entirely with funds deposited by the Saudi Arabians with Treasury as custodian of the Saudi Arabian Technical Cooperation Account. These funds are held in a deposit fund account under which Treasury acts as banker or agent for the owner and are not subject to the restrictions applicable to appropriated funds. Consequently, we will not consider Genigraphics' protest.

Protest dismissed.

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